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FOR: Emergency Exit Path Lighting System with Hollow Doorframe for  
Implementing Electroluminescent Technology

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005, and the restriction requirement made therein, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-12, 15 and 16, drawn to a frame with illumination, for continued examination herein.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that 35 U.S.C. § 121 authorizes restriction only when the claimed invention is "independent and distinct" (emphasis added). A search of the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-12, 15 and 16 drawn to a frame with illumination would necessarily require a search of the subject matter of



Group II, claims 13 and 14, drawn to a doorframe. Thus the method delineated in Group II is not directed to an independent and distinct matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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